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1. [redacted] since the start of the Korean war, the Chinese Communists and the Soviets have drawn closer together. Soviet military aid to the Chinese, however, has not reached expectations. Apart from equipping Chinese troops in North Korea, Soviet aid has been too little, too late, and too obsolete to keep pace with Chinese Communist Army reorganization plans.
2. Chinese authorities have often discussed with Soviets the means to expedite aid but no satisfactory results were achieved. For this reason to send a strong mission to Moscow to deal directly with Soviet leaders was a good move.
3. Personnel of the headquarters of the Central and South China Military Area are confident that the mission will get some results, but doubt that much military aid will be forthcoming. Communist countries are run as business enterprises which do not give something away for nothing. The Chinese are definitely not able to spend large sums for military aid over a short period. The Chinese and the Soviets are not able to do without each other at the present time.

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